

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1. - 7. (Canceled)

8. (New) A cover for a post extending upwardly from a ground surface, the cover consisting of: an elongated, generally cylindrical plastic sleeve having an open lower end and a closed, hemispherically shaped upper end; the sleeve having a consistent wall thickness including the hemispherically shaped upper end, and an interior diameter in the range of 3 to 8 inches.

9. (New) The cover of claim 8, wherein the plastic is polyethylene.

10. (New) The cover of claim 8, wherein the plastic is polycarbonate.

11. (New) The cover of claim 8, the sleeve further including an agent to provide a durable coloring throughout.

12. (New) The cover of claim 8, the sleeve further including an additive to resist ultraviolet deterioration.

13. (New) The cover of claim 8, the sleeve further including a resilient portion near the open lower end.

14. (New) The cover of claim 8, wherein the resilient portion is a rubber-like insert.

15. (New) The cover of claim 8, further including a flange at the open end.